

REMARKS

The Drawings and Specification were amended to address the Examiner's objections. "APM" in FIG. 2, ref. 114 was changed to "ATM". It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-13 and 16-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 14-15 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 16, 17 and 18 were amended in this Response. New claim 19 was added in this Response. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 11-16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Elliot* (US Patent No. 6,614,781). Claims 2-5, 8, 10 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Elliot* (US Patent No. 6,614,781) in view of *Schulzrinne et al.* (RFC 1890). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, as the cited references do not disclose or suggest the features claimed in the present invention. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Specifically, *Elliot* does not disclose transmission from a circuit-switched network to a packet transmission network wherein redundant user data is not transmitted during silence intervals as claimed in claims 1, 3, 16, 18 and 19, and similarly claimed in claim 17. The disclosure in *Elliot* teaches a telecommunication network wherein packets are transmitted over a packet-switched network (118). The sending network and the destination network in *Elliot* are both disclosed as customer facilities, such as a PBX. So while *Elliot* discloses voice data being transmitted over an IP network, the sender and destination networks are normal PSTN carriers.

In contrast, the presently claimed invention sends voice data from a circuit-switched network to a destination located in a packet-switched network. One problem that conventional systems have is that when voice data is transmitted from a circuit-switched network to a packet-switched network, user data that is redundant to both systems is transmitted, especially during silence intervals. *Elliot* does not mention or address this problem in the disclosure.

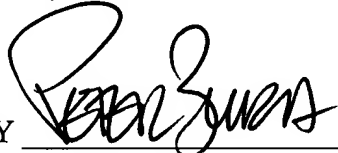
Furthermore, *Elliot* does not teach the aforementioned suppression during silence intervals. While *Elliot* generally mentions a suppression process 1150 in 11B, this suppression takes place in the gateway of the ingress side (col. 67, lines 1-9), and is used to suppress noise during silent periods before the voice data is entered to the coder 1152. There is no mention of

redundancy, nor is there any mention of transmission between a circuit-switched network and a packet transmission network. *Schulzrinne* does not cure the deficiencies of Elliot as discussed above.

In light of the above comments, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 12 and 21, and all claims that depend directly or indirectly therefrom, are allowable over the prior art. Applicant also requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. A petition for a 2-month extension of time is also being submitted along with this response, along with a check in the amount of \$420. Should there be any other charges regarding this application, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 02-1818 for any insufficiency of payment..

Respectfully submitted,

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